

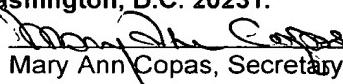
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This is a Request for a [X] continuation or [ ] divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior U.S. Application No. 09/446,839 filed March 24, 2000, entitled:

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1. [ ] Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. [x] A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. [ ] This application is being filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
  - a. [ ] **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
  - b. [ ] The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. [ ] A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
5. [ ] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
  - a. [ ] PTO-1449
  - b. [ ] Copies of IDS Citations

CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS	12 - 20 =	0	x \$18 =	0
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 - 3 =	0	x \$80 =	0
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			\$ =	0
				BASIC FEE	\$750.00
				Total of above Calculations =	\$750.00
	Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				\$375.00
				TOTAL	\$375.00

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6. [X] Small Entity status:

- a. [X] A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- b. [ ] Is no longer claimed.

7. [X] It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response in application Serial No. 09/446,839 filed on March 24, 2000, and/or the instant continued prosecution application, this paper be considered as a **Petition for an Extension of Time** sufficient to effect a timely response **at any time during prosecution**. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees, if not submitted by check, or shortages in any fees to **Deposit Account 02-1653**:

Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16;  
Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17;  
Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.

8. [X] A check in the amount of \$375.00 is enclosed (basic filing fee of \$375.00).

9. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to:  
Robert W. Becker, Reg. No. 26,255 of ROBERT W. BECKER & ASSOCIATES, 707 Hwy 66 East, Suite B,  
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10. [ ] Other:

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March 10, 2003

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